



South Carolina Department of Health
and Environmental Control
Bureau of Land & Waste
Management
State Remediation Section

SCE & G - Fleet Management Site 1409 Huger Street, Columbia, SC

Notice of Removal Activities & Availability of Administrative Record

September 5, 2006

SCDHEC Activities

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (the "Department" or "DHEC") recently completed a removal site evaluation of the South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Fleet Management facility (the "Site") at 1409 Huger Street, Columbia, SC. Sampling data indicates that the soils are contaminated by various contaminants from the storage of disabled buses. The Department has determined that the removal of contaminated soil is an appropriate action to protect human health and the environment in and around the Site.

The Week of September 11, 2006

This Notice is to notify residents in the immediate area of the Site that large trucks will be used to haul contaminated soils from the Site to a proper disposal facility. It is anticipated that the removal activities will begin on or around the week of September 11 and will be completed by September 30, 2006.



SCE&G—Fleet
Management

Bus Storage
Parcel B

Former Manu-
factured Gas
Plant
Parcel A

DHEC-BL&WM
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29206

**DHEC's Site
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Notice of the Availability of The Administrative Record At The Richland County Public Library Main Branch

The Department announces that the Administrative Record for the Site is available for public review. The Administrative Record includes documents that form the basis for the selection of the response/cleanup actions. The Administrative Record includes, but is not limited to, sampling data and the Removal Action Memorandum, which documents the removal decision. The Site's Administrative Record is housed at two locations:

1. The Main Branch of the Richland County Public Library at 1431 Assembly Street, Columbia. The Main Branch Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm., and Sunday from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and
2. DHEC's Bureau of Land and Waste Management office at 8911 Farrow Road, Columbia, South Carolina. The Administrative Record is available by appointment only.

All interested persons are encouraged to review the Administrative Record located in the Main Branch Library or at the Bureau of Land and Waste Management.

The Department requires a written Freedom of Information ("FOI") Request in order for persons to obtain an appointment to view the Site File housed at DHEC's Office. One may use the FOI request form on the Department's website at www.scdhec.gov/administration/foi/index.htm and click on "Request Form (pdf)", or one may send a letter, like the example below:

[Insert Your Full Name]

[Insert Your Full Address]

[Insert Your City, State, Zip Code]

[Insert Your Telephone Number]

Mr. Jody Hamm, FOI Officer

SCDHEC's Freedom of Information Office

2600 Bull Street

Columbia, SC 29201

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOI), I would like to review and/or copy SCDHEC Bureau of Land & Waste Management's Site File #52561 for the SCE&G -Fleet Management Site. Please contact me at [Your Phone Number] to schedule an appointment.

Sincerely,

Site Location and Conditions

The SCE&G Fleet Management Site is located on two Parcels. Parcel A consists of 5.88 acres and was used for the operation of a Manufactured Gas Plant from 1906-1954. Parcel B consists of 1.1 acres and has historically been used for storage of disabled buses. Parcel B does not appear to have been used for the MGP process.

Voluntary Cleanup Contract

In 2002, SCE&G and the City of Columbia entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Contract #02-5295-RP with the Department, which required SCE&G to determine the source, nature and extent of contamination at the Site. SCE&G has conducted several investigations at the Site. SCE&G plans to perform, and pay, for the removal activities and will reimburse the Department's costs of overseeing these removal activities.

Previous Investigations

- In June 1997, as part of the investigation of Parcel A of the Site, META Environmental took a soil boring of Parcel B.
- In February, 2005, S&ME performed a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment.
- In December 2005, additional surface and subsurface soil samples were collected by MTR to find out what areas were impacted on Parcel B.
- It was determined that the soil was contaminated by some metals: Arsenic, Chromium, Antimony, Thallium, Cadmium, Lead and Zinc. The Department decided that the removal of the contaminated soils was needed.

Removal Areas

The surface and subsurface soil is contaminated due to leaking fluids from the buses that were stored on Parcel B of the Site. Visually contaminated surface soil will be excavated and disposed based on regulatory limits that will allow the property to be developed for residential purposes.

- Soils from 12 separate areas will be excavated and disposed.
- Soils from two other areas have contamination below the surface. In these two areas, soils will be removed to a depth of five feet.

The removed soil will be stockpiled on the Site and samples will be collected at the bottom and sides of the holes to confirm the removal is complete. If remedial/cleanup goals are not met, excavation will continue until the goals are met. All contaminated material will be disposed of at a proper disposal facility that is permitted to accept these materials.

Why is the Removal of Soil Necessary?

The Department has determined that a release of hazardous substances has occurred and may present a danger to the public's health and welfare or to the environment.

Problem #1. Due to contamination of the surface and subsurface soil, there is a direct threat of human exposure by either direct contact, inhalation and/or ingestion by persons working on the property.

Problem #2. Contamination from parked buses is in surface soil and has visibly stained the soil. Groundwater has not been impacted from this contamination, but surface water runoff travels towards the Congaree River.

The removal of the surface and subsurface soil will protect the public's health and welfare, and will protect the environment and is necessary to reduce the elevated concentrations and/or to stop the release of hazardous substances from the Site.

Still Have Questions about the Site?

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this Notice or if you feel any of the information provided is not clear, please contact Lucas Berresford, the Project Manager, at 803-896-4071, Eric Cathcart, Hydro-geologist, at 803-896-4045, or Pat Vincent, the Site's Community Information Coordinator, at 803-896-4074. You may address correspondence to either at SCDHEC-BL&WM-SAR, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201. It is the Department's hope that the public will be able to understand and be aware of what is occurring in their community.

The Site's Mailing List

If you have received this Notice via US Mail, the addressee is on the Department's State Remediation Section's mailing list for any future mailouts regarding the Site. If you would like to be removed from the list or if you would like to be added to the Site's mailing list, please contact Pat Vincent at 803-896-4074 or by email at vincenpl@dhec.sc.gov.

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